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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Lavon B. Strong
Director, Public Affairs Office
SUBJECT: Invitation to Attend Conference on
the Long-term Worldwide Biological
Consequences of Nuclear War

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline invitation to attend the Conference on the Long-Term Worldwide Biological Consequences of Nuclear War on 31 October and 1 November at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, DC.

2. Background: Chairman [redacted] has invited you to attend the Conference on "The World After Nuclear War." Leading Scientists, scholars, public officials, and citizen leaders are being asked to come to the meeting. According to [redacted] this Conference will provide a forum to review and discuss conclusions of recent studies on the long-term worldwide consequences of nuclear war. [redacted] also claims the findings of the group could "influence national and international policies on nuclear arms issues." [redacted] President of Stanford University. will give the keynote address. [redacted] will also speak.

Although PAO researched this group, we could not find any information in our usual references. However, such people as [redacted] are nationally known. [redacted], a marine biologist and Director of the Ecosystems Center of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, has been critical of the Administration's attitudes and actions in the management of resources. [redacted] Director of the Missouri Botanical Gardens', name also appears on the letterhead. Both men are leading environmentalists. See attached pages for additional biographical material and information on the Conference activities.

3. Recommendation: It does not seem appropriate for the Agency to be associated with groups studying nuclear war for the purpose of influencing national arms control policy. These



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groups, moreover, tend to attract the media. Indicate whether you accept or decline this invitation and have Public Affairs give the appropriate response.

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Attachments

ACCEPT INVITATION:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DECLINE INVITATION:

lsl William J. Casey

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Director of Central Intelligence

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